

BEWARE OF BACKGROUND MUSIC TAPES

June 10, 2001 (David Cloud, Fundamental Baptist Information Service, P.O. Box 610368, Port Huron, MI 48061-0368, wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org) - Contemporary music is entering into fundamentalist churches like a flood, and one of the culprits is the use of background tapes. A couple of years ago Pastor Perry Sims, Faith Baptist Church, Sylacauga, Alabama, became concerned about some of the music that he was hearing in churches and he asked a group of pastors, "In your opinion, how does the devil's music come into churches?" Most replied that it comes through special music and background tapes.

The reason why many of the background tapes are worldly is because the musicians producing them are worldly. One of the largest distributors of background tapes is Soundtraks, based in Oklahoma City. On May 31, 2001, I talked with Don, who works in the production department at Soundtraks, and he plainly told me: "We don't have any spiritual standards for the musicians. Some are out of Nashville. They don't have to go to any church. We just use good musicians. The same musicians are used for Southern Gospel and Contemporary."